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For: METHOD FOR TREATMENT OF RENAL FAILURE AND  
OCCLUSIVE LESION OF BLOOD VESSELS BY  
ADMINISTRATION OF HEPATOCYTE GROWTH  
FACTOR

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MS AF October 19, 2004  
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated April 19, 2004, the due date for response having been extended three (3) months to October 19, 2004 by petition herein, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.